Waganakising Odawa

Tribal Council
Appropriations and Finance Committee
Tribal Court Room
October 10, 2009
10:00 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m.

Roll Call

Committee Members Present: Councilor Mel Kiogima, Councilor Aaron Otto, Treasurer

John Bott

Committee Members Absent: none

Staff Present: Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick, Office Manager Michele LaCount

Tribal Council Members Present: Legislative Leader Julie Shananaquet; Councilor Rita Shananaquet

Executive Staff Present: Vice Chairperson Dexter McNamara; CFO Cheryl Kishigo-Lesky

Motion made by Councilor Kiogima, seconded by Treasurer Bott, to adopt the Agenda as amended.

Vote: 3 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 0 absent

Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilor Kiogima, seconded by Councilor Otto, to table any minutes that may not yet be submitted. Treasurer Bott will make a request for any minutes that may not yet be submitted.

Vote: 3 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 0 absent

Motion carries.

Pursuant to WOS 2009-002 Tribal Treasurer Responsibilities, Treasurer Bott is recognized as the Chairperson for the Appropriations and Finance Committee. With concurrence of the full Committee, Committee Chairperson Bott delegates the secretarial duties to Councilor Kiogima.

Business, New

Treasurer Bott led discussion on the proposed 2011 Priority Funding Allocation. Also discussed creating a cash reserve account and funding it with 1% of the Tribal service payments received from Odawa Casino Resort. Committee was in full concurrence with the concept and would add it to the recommended 2011 Priority Funding Allocation that would be submitted to Tribal Council for adoption.

Motion made by Councilor Otto, seconded by Councilor Kiogima, to recommend that Tribal Council adopt the draft Tribal Resolution *Providing for Priority Funding Allocation for 2011 Fiscal Year*.

Vote: 3 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 0 absent

Motion carries.

Attorney Budnick briefly discussed the receipt of various funds by LTBB and the depositing of them into appropriate accounts. The matter would be more closely looked at during the next 'Finance' meeting.

12:22 p.m. The meeting was recessed until 4:00 p.m. today; lunch break. 3:54 p.m. Meeting resumes.

The meeting with Mr. Doug Barcy of National City Bank has been postponed and will be rescheduled for Saturday, October 24, 2009.

With concurrence of the full Committee, it was decided to table the supplemental funding request from the Powwow Committee for the 2010 Odawa Homecoming Powwow until March of 2010.

After much discussion, it was decided to forward to Tribal Council without a recommendation from the Committee, the *Supplemental Funding Request for Expansion of the Grants Program* from the Executive Branch.

The Committee acknowledged the receipt of the request from the Tribal Judiciary that Tribal Council adopt a priority funding allocation for 2011 for the Tribal Court Judicial Branch and the Tribal Appellate Court in the amount of \$973,000.00. With full concurrence of the Committee, it was decided that priority funding allocations would be similar to those adopted by Tribal Council in April 2009 for the Fiscal Year 2010 budget. This would be reflected in the proposed Tribal Resolution *Providing for Priority Funding Allocation for 2011 Fiscal Year*.

The Committee acknowledged the receipt of the request from the Legislative Branch that Tribal Council adopt a priority funding allocation for 2011 for the Legislative Branch in the amount of \$789,470.16. Again, with full concurrence of the Committee, it was decided that priority funding allocations would be similar to those adopted by Tribal Council in April 2009 for the Fiscal Year 2010 budget. This would be reflected in the proposed Tribal Resolution *Providing for Priority Funding Allocation for 2011 Fiscal Year*.

There were no Hotline Reports received by the Committee from the CFO. After discussion on the reassignment of duties during the recent CFO vacancy and subsequent filling of that position, CFO Kishigo-Lesky would inquire on the status of receiving these reports and would report to Treasurer Bott and Attorney Budnick on the proper procedures for getting the reports to the 'Finance' Committee.

Action Items

Except for the Action Item in New Business, there were no additional Action Items to be addressed.

4:38 p.m. Public Comment opened.

1. Legislative Leader Shananaquet: due to the increasing work load of Tribal Council, it may be time to consider having a full time Tribal Council when the *Constitutionally Mandated Compensation* statute is reconsidered.

2. Attorney Budnick: Tribal Council needs to look into the possibility of applying for grants to supplement Tribal Council activities.

4:44 p.m. Public Comment closed.

The next meeting will be held on Saturday, October 24, 2009, from 11 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Mr. Doug Barcy from National City Bank (NCB) will update the Committee on past and current LTBB accounts with NCB.

Motion made by Councilor Otto, seconded by Councilor Kiogima, to adjourn at 4:48 p.m. Vote: 3 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 0 absent Motion carries.